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1. SUMMARY: THE MAJOR SURPRISE IN THE JUNE 18 ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, FOCEP, IS A LOOSE COALITION OF MARXIST-TROTSKYITE GROUPS LED BY A NUMBER OF CHARISMATIC, "ROBIN HOOD" FIGURES WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZATION AND PROTEST SINCE THE EARLY 1960'S. ITS FIGUREHEAD AND PRINCIPAL ORGANIZER IS LABOR-PEASANT LAWYER GENARO LEDESMA. OTHER WELL-KNOWN CANDIDATES INCLUDE GUERRILLA-LEADER HUGO BLANCO, LABOR LAWYER AND EX-AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REP LAURA CALLER, AND LEFTIST NOVELIST MANUEL SCORZA. ALTHOUGH FOCEP IS RIDING ON A CREST OF POPULAR APPEAL, DUE TO THE APPARENT GENUINENESS OF ITS LEADER' CONCERN FOR PERU'S POOR AND DISPOSSESSED OVER THE YEARS, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE FRONT CAN WORK EFFECTIVELY AS A PARTY IN THE ASSEMBLY, AND IF IT CAN COOPERATE WITH LIKE-MINDED GROUPS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE COMMON OBJECTIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE VETERAN APRISTA INTELLECTUAL, DR. LUIS ALBERTO SANCHEZ, FOCEP (FRENTE OBRERO CAMPESINO ESTUADIANTILY POPULAR) IS NOT A POLITICAL FRONT, BUT RATHER A STATE OF MIND. THIS ASSESSMENT IS UNDERSTANDABLE, COMING FROM A LEADER OF PERU'S
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OLDEST AND BEST ORGANIZED POLITICAL PARTY, BUT IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE APPEAL AND DYNAMISM OF A GROUP WHICH MANAGED TO CAPTURE AN UNEXPECTED 11-PLUS PERCENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE IN PERU'S JUNE 18 ELECTIONS FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

3. IN THE STRICT SENSE OF THE WORD, FOCEP IS NOT A POLITICAL PARTY BUT A FRONT, A LOOSE COALITION OF SMALL MARXIST-TROTSKYITE

GROUPS LED BY SEVERAL CHARISMATIC INDIVIDUALS WHOSE POPULAR APPEAL DATES IN MOST CASES FROM THE 1960'S AND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ENHANCED AS A RESULT OF THEIR UNSWERVING OPPOSITION TO 10 YEARS OF MILITARY RULE AND BY THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. THE "FOUNDING FATHER" OF FOCEP IS THE BEARDED TROTSKYITE LABOR LAWYER GENARO LEDESMAN IZQUIETA. FOCEP EVOLVED FROM AN EFFORT IN NOVEMBER 1977 TO UNITE ALL POLITICAL PARTIES FROM THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS LEFT TO THE EXTREME RADICALS INTO ONE COALITION. ACCORDING TO "CARETAS", THIS INITIATIVE FAILED BECAUSE OF THE PSR'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL THAT ONLY LABOR AND PEASANT LEADERS BE CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSEMBLY. SEVERAL OF PSR'S TOP LEADERS, INCLUDING GENERAL LEONIDAS RODRIGUEZ, WOULD NOT HAVE QUALIFIED HAD THIS RESTRICTION BEEN IMPOSED. DIFFERENCES ALSO AROSE BETWEEN THE TROTSKYITES LED BY LEDESMA AND SEVERAL MAOIST GROUPS, WHO EVENTUALLY RAN THEIR OWN SLATE OF CANDIDATES UNDER THE UDP BANNER. IN THE FACE OF THIS FAILURE TO AGREE, IN DECEMBER 1977 LEDESMA CALLED FOR A WORKER-PEASANT COALITION TO STAND FOR THE ASSEMBLY AND TO BAND TOGETHER AGAINST GOVERNMENT "ABUSES." THE FIRST GROUP TO JOIN FORCES WITH LEDESMA WAS HUGO BLANCO'S PST (PARTIDO SOCIALISTA DE TRABAJADORES - IV INTERNATIONAL). LATER CAME POMAR (PARTIDO OBRERO MEXISTA REVOLUCIONARIO) LED BY RICARDO NAPURI AND HERNAN CUENTAS, FIR (FRENTE DE IZQUIERDA REVOLUCIONARIA, THE PARTIDO OBRERO CAMPESINO FACTION); THE BANDERA ROJA FACTION OF THE PCP; THE FRENTE DEMOCRATIC POPULAR (FEDEP) AND SATURNINO PAREDES' CCP (CONFEDERACION CAMPESINA DEL PERU). IN ADDITION TO THE SIX PRINCIPAL GROUPS THAT MAKE UP FOCEP, THE FRONT ALSO IS

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SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL BANK WORKERS AND MINERS UNIONS, PEASANT ORGANIZATIONS AND INDEPENDENT METALWORKERS.

4. LEDESMA KNOWS WHEREOF HE SPEAKS WHEN HE REFERS TO "ABUSES" BY THE REGIME IN POWER. IN MANY WAYS, HIS EXPERIENCE PARALLELS THAT OF VETERAN APRA LEADERS AND SINCE 1960 HE HAS BEEN IMPRISONED OR EXILED BY THE GOP ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS. LEDESMA WAS BORN IN 1932 IN THE SIERRA TOWN OF CAJABAMA, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CAJAMARCA, IN NORTHERN PERU. HE STUDIED LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TRUJILLO AND HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE. HE FINANCED HIS UNIVERSITY STUDIES WORKING ON THE STAFF OF THE TRUJILLO DAILY, "EL LIBERAL", SUPPLEMENTED BY PRIZE MONEY WON IN POETRY COMPETITIONS. A LAWYER, POLITICIAN, TEACHER, WRITER POET AND SOMETHING OF A ROMANTIC, LEDESMA SAID IN A DECEMBER 1977 PRESS INTERVIEW, "LIFE MANIFEST ITSELF WITH SPLENDOR EVEN IN A GRAIN OF SAND. IT DEPENDS ON THE MEANING WE GIVE TO IT." LABOR LAWYER LAURA CALLER, A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF LEDESMA AND CORELIGIONARY ON THE FOCEP LIST, TOLD EMBOFF THAT HIS PATIENCE AND UNRUFFLED NATURE WOULD QUALIFY HIM TO BE A PRIEST, AND THAT IF HE WERE, HE WOULD BE A CARDINAL BY NOW.

5. A DECLARED MARXIST AND AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZER, IN HIS

PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL LIFE EDESMA HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS HONEST AND FAITHFUL TO HIS PRINCIPLES. AFTER GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL, HE WENT TO THE MINING COMMUNITY OF CERRO DE PASCO IN THE CENTRAL SIERRA, TO PRACTICE LAW AND TEACH. HE QUICKLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH THE PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYED MINERS WHO, BECAUSE OF A REDUCTION IN COPPER PRODUCTION (ALLEGEDLY DICTATED BY U.S. IMPORT RESTRICTIONS) WERE FORCED TO RETURN TO AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS IN THE CERRO DE PASCO REGION. THE LAND TO WHICH THE UNEMPLOYED MINERS TRIED TO RETURN HAD BEEN PURCHASED OVER THE YEARS BY THE US-OWNED CERRO DE PASCO CORP. ORIGINALLY BECAUSE OF SERIOUS CONTAMINATION PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE CERRO CORPORATION SMELTERS, AND WAS OPERATED AS LARGE AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HOLDING. LEDSMAN WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF THE PROVINCE OF CERRO DE PASCO IN 1959 AND WAS ALLEGED TO BE IN THE INTELLECTUAL

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AUTHOR OF THE PARTICULARLY VIOLENT LAND INVASIONS OF YANACANCHA AND RANCAS IN 1960. AT THE TIME, HE WAS ACCUSED BY THE GOP OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE CLANDESTINE TRAINING OF GUERILLAS. HIS EFFORTS TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF THE PEASANTS IN RANCAS RESULTED IN HIS FIRST ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT.

6. ON JANUARY 5, 1963, HE WAS ARRESTED AGAIN IN A ROUND UP OF LEFTISTS IN CERRO DE PASCO AND CONFINED TO THE PRISON ISLAND OF EL FRONTON OFF CALLAO TO FACE CHARGES OF ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE STATE. ALLEGEDLY WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE, HIS SUPPORTERS IN CERRO DE PASCO ELECTED HIM TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS ON A WORKER-PEASANT TICKET, AND ON JUNE 22 HE WAS RELEASED BEFORE TRAIL WITH PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY TO TAKE HIS SEAT IN THE ASSEMBLY. LEDESMA'S WORK WITH THE MINERS AND PEASANTS IN THE CERRO DE PASCO REGION GAVE HIM A ROBIN HOOD-LIKE AURA, TALKING FROM THE RICH IMPERSONAL FOREIGN COMPANY AND GIVING TO THE POOR. THE REGION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT HIM, HARBORING HIM WHEN HE WAS FORCED TO GO UNDERGROUND IN AUGUST OF 1977 AND GIVING FOCEP A 3 TO 1 MARGIN OVER APRA IN THE JUNE 18 ELECTIONS.

7. FROM HIS SEAT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIS IN 1964, LEDESMA CALLED FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PORTION OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET FOR POLICE AND ADVOCATED THE NATIONALIZATION OF THE ITT-OWNED PERUVIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY. IN 1967, STILL IN THE CHAMBER HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED THEN PRESIDENT FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY FOR HIS FAILURE TO DEFEND PERUS CLAIM OF A 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AGAINST THE PRESSURES OF THE US GOVERNMENT.

8. AFTER THE 1968 MILITARY COUP AGAINST BELAUNDE, LEDESMA APPARENTLY RETURNED TO HIS LAW PRACTICE, CONCENTRATING ON LABOR LAW. EMBASSY BIO FILES CONTAIN LITTLE INFORMATION FOR THIS PERIOD. IN 1972, HE SURFACES AGAIN AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE LABOR UNIONS OF CERRO DE PASCO CORPL HIS LABOR ACTIVITIES

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EARNED HIM THE ENMITY OF THE VELASCO GOVERNMENT AND IN LATE 1975 HE WAS ARRESTED FOR THE THIRD TIME. LEDESMA WAS RELEASED FROM THE JUNGLE PRISON COLONY OF EL SEPA IN APRIL 1976 AND ON MAY 27 LEFT LIMA FOR PARIS, AT THE INVITATION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. ON LEARNING THAT THE GOP HAD PROHIBITED HIS RETURN TO PERU, LEDESMA SPENT 4 MONTHS IN SPAIN (WHERE HIS SHORT STORY "LA SED" (THIRST), WON SECOND PRIZE IN A COMPETITION) AND IN DECEMBER TRAVELED FROM SPAIN TO QUITO.

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AGAIN HE WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO RETURN TO PERU, BUT MANAGED TO CROSS THE BORDER BY LAND AND RETURNED TO LIMA CLANDESTINELY IN EARLY 1977. HE WAS CHARGED WITH "VIOLATING IMMIGRATION CONTROLS" EVEN THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES, INCLUDING FREEDOM TO ENTER AND LEAVE PERU, AND THE RIGHT OF HABEAS CORPUS HAD BEEN RESTORED. STILL UNDER COVER, LEDESMA ONCE AGAIN DEDICATED HIMSELF TO THE LEGAL DEFENSE OF MINERS AND PEASANTS. IN EARLY FEBRUARY, HE ACCEPTED THE DEFENSE OF A GROUP OF MINERS WHO HAD BEEN FIRED BY CENTROMIN, THE STATE-OWNED SUCCESSOR THE CERRO CORP. TWO DAYS LATER, HIS HOME WAS SEARCHED BY A GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED MEN (LATER DETERMINED TO BE PIP OFFICERS) BUT LEDESMA ESCAPED OVER THE GARDEN WALL. IN A WIDELY PUBLICIZED INCIDENT, THE LAWYER'S DOG, CHUMBEQUE (THE NICKNAME FOR A SHORT, TOUGH PEASANT WHO STANDS UP FOR HIS RIGHTS) TOOK A BITE OUT OF THE PANTS OF ONE OF THE PURSUERS, AND HAS BECOME THE PARTY MASCOT.

9. IN A LETTER TO "LA PRENSA" WRITTEN FROM A HIDING PLACE

"SOMEWHERE IN CENTRAL PERU," LEDESMA PROTESTED THE CONTINUED VIOLATION OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO ENTER AND LEAVE COUNTRY AND TO FREELY EXERCISE HIS PROFESSION. IN WHAT HAS BECOME A POPULAR FOCEP THEME, HE CALLED FOR AN END TO POLICE PERSECUTION.

10. LEDESMA'S LATEST ROUND OF CONFLICT WITH THE GOP BEGAN ON MAY 25 OF THIS YEAR, WHEN HE AND 12 OTHER CRITICS OF THE PRESENT
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REGIME WERE DEPORTED TO ARGENTINA ABOARD A PERUVIAN AIR FORCE PLANE (LIMA 4591). ALTHOUGH CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES WERE PARTIALLY RESTORED ON JUNE 8, THE SUSPENSION OF BOTH HABEAS CORPUS AND FREEDOM FROM ARBITRARY DEPORTATION REMAINS IN EFFECT. ON JUNE 9 LEDESMA AND THREE OTHER DEPORTEES LEFT BUENOS AIRES FOR FRANCE.

1. FOCEP'S SURPRISING SHOWING IN THE JUNE 18 ELECTIONS IN PARTY HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED BY MANY (INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S JORGE DEL PRADO) TO THE COLORFUL, CHARISMATIC LEADERS THAT MADE UP ITS LIST OF CANDIDATES TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. AMONG THEM, THE BEST KNOWN AND MOST ADMIRER IS PROBABLY HUGO BLANCO GALDOS, THE EX-GUERILLA AND LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (PST), WHO ORGANIZED A PEASANT REVOLT IN THE LA CONVENCION VALLEY (CUZCO) IN THE EARLY 60'S AND RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EXILE IN SWEDEN, ONLY TO BE DEPORTED AGAIN ON MAY 25 WITH LEDESMA AND OTHERS. BLANCO'S BRIEF APPEARANCE ON THE PRE-ELECTORAL SCENE WAS IN SOME WAYS A DISAPPOINTMENT. THE LEGENDARY GUERRILLA HERO OF THE 60'S AND ADMIRER AND IMITATOR OF FIDEL CASTRO HAD BECOME PAUNCHY AND HIS TOUSLED HAIR AND BEARD WERE STREAKED WITH WHITE. BLANCO CRITICIZED THE GOP AND ESPECIALLY THE MILITARY SEVERELY ON FREE TV POLITICAL SPOTS, CAUSING THE GOP TEMPORARILY TO WITHDRAW FOCEP'S FREE ADVERTISING. ALTHOUGH HIS MESSAGE SEEMED SIMPLISTIC, DATED, OUT OF STEP WITH REALITY, A REJECTION OF HIS MANY YEARS IN EXILE, HE DID APPARENTLY APPEAL TO MANY.

12. THE REST OF FOCEP'S LIST FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WAS CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED TO INCLUDE LABOR AND PEASANT LEADERS, INTELLECTUALS, AND OTHERS FROM A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS. THEY INCLUDE:
--HERNAN CUENTAS ANCI (NO.2), 36-YEAR-OLD EX-UNION ORGANIZER AT THE SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORP. MINE AT CUAJONE, AREQUIPEÑO BY BIRTH, WITH
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DEGREE IN METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING AND POST GRADUATE WORK IN EUROPE. CUENTAS WAS ARRESTED AND EXILED TO PANAMA IN APRIL 1973 FOR TRYING TO FORCE THE CUAJONE MANAGEMENT TO REHIRE 477 FIRED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS;

--MANUEL SCORZA TORRES (NO.4), 50-YEAR-OLD WRITER AND INTELLECTUAL, AUTHOR OF THE WIDELY-DISSEMINATED POLITICAL NOVEL, "RODEOLBE PRO RANCAS," ONE OF A SERIES RELATING THE STORY OF THE CERRO

DE PASCO LAND INVASIONS OF THE EARLY 1960'S, OF WHICH HE WAS AN EYE WITNESS. SCORZA RETURNED TO PERU IN LATE 1977 AFTER 6 YEARS EXILE IN FRANCE. FROM A VERY HUMBLE BACKGROUND, HE JOINED APRA IN HIS YOUTH BUT LATER BROKE WITH HAYA DE LA TORRE. MUCH OF HIS LITERARY PRODUCTION, WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSLATED EXTENSIVELY, IS OF THE PROTEST GENRE AND HE IS REGARDED EVEN BY HIS POLITICAL ADVERSARIES AS EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT AND ABLE;

--LAURA CALLER IBERICO (NO. 7), 61-YEAR-OLD TROTSKYITE LAWYER FROM CUZCO, WELL-KNOWN FOR HER LEADERSHIP OF THE PERUVIAN CHAPTER OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, ANOTHER POPULAR FOLK HERO WHOSE DECADES OF LEGAL WORK ON BEHALF OF LABOR LEADERS, PEASANT COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, STUDENTS AND OTHER "DISPOSSESSED" HAS EARNED HER A LARGE AND FAITHFUL FOLLOWING. SHE DEFENDED HUGO BLANCO AND SOME OF HIS FOLLOWERS DURING HIS 1965 TRIAL IN TACNA FOR THE REVOLT IN THE LA VONVENCION VALLEY. CALLER ATTRIBUTES FOCEP'S STRONG SHOWING IN TACNA TO THE POPULAR MEMORIES OF THAT SPECTACULAR TRAIL;

--SATURNINO PAREDES MACEDO (N. 6) 55-GEAR OLD LAYER, PEASANT LEADER AND UNION ORGANIZER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRO-CHINESE FACTION OF THE PCP IN THE MID-1960'S AND AT THAT TIME LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED CONFEDERATION OF PEASANTS OF PERU. PAREDES IS BEST REMEMBERED FOR HIS ROLE IN THE DECEMBER 1960 DISTURBANCES AT A LARGE COASTAL HACIENDA NORTH OF LIMA IN WHICH TWO PEASANTS WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL WERE WOUNDED;

--RICARDO NAPURI SCHAPRIO (NO 12), FOUNDING MEMBER (1965) OF VANGUARDIA REVOLUCIONARIA AND LEADER OF THE MID-1974 PEASANT LAND INVASIONS IN ANDAHUAYLAS; AND
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--JUAN CORNEJO GOMEZ (NO 5), ONE-TIME SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTROMIN (EX-CERRO DE PASCO) MINE WORKERS FEDERATION, TROTSKYITE, ALLEGED MEMBER OF THE MOVIMIENTO DE IZUIERDA REVOLUCIONARIA (MIR), AN ACTIVE, INTELLIGENT LABOR LEADER.

13. COMMON THREADS RUN THROUGH THE LIVES OF MANY OF THE BEST KNOWN FOCEP REPRESENTATIVES AND MAY HELP TO EXPLAIN THEIR POPULARITY IN THE JUNE 18 VOTE. ALL OF THEM ARE ASSOCIATED WITH AND HAVE ACTIVELY WORKED FOR THE UNDERDOG. THEIR CONCERN FOR PERU'S POOR APPEARS GENUINE, AND THEIR YEARS (IN SOME CASES DECADES) OF FAITHFUL LABOR APPEARS TO HAVE PAID OFF. MANY OF THEM HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR YEARS AND WORKED TOGETHER ON COMMON CAUSES. MANY OF THEM APPEAR TO BE CHARISMATIC, NATURAL LEADERS WHO HAVE

ADHERED FAITHFULLY TO THEIR PRINCIPLES IN SPITE OF IMPRISONMENT, EXILE, AND PERSECUTION. AND NOT A FEW OF THEM HAVE SUCCESSFULLY TWEAKED THE GOP'S NOSE. ONE OF THE UNDERLYING THEMES IN LEDESMA' AND FOCEP'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE WAS A CALL FOR AN END TO THE ABUSES OF AUTHORITY AND PRIVILEGE, ESPECIALLY BY THE MILITARY, A THEME THAT OBVIOUSLY ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT.

14. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW EFFECTIVE FOCEP AND THE OTHER LEFTIST PARTIES WILL BE IN THE ASSEMBLY. FOCEP ITSELF IS SOMEWHAT DIVIDED BETWEEN TROTSKYITES AND PEKING-LINE COMMUNISTS AND FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO PUT TOGETHER A BALANCED LIST THAT REPRESENTED ALL FACTIONS TO THEIR SATISFACTION. THESE DIFFERENCES AND DIVISIONS, AS WELL AS PERSONALITY CLASHES, ARE LIKELY TO A SURFACE IN THE COURSE OF FOCEP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSEMBLY. ACCORDING TO "CARETAS", EVEN BEFORE ELECTION UNDISCLOSED DIFFERENCES HAD ARISEN BETWEEN LEDESMA AND HERNAN CUENTAS OF POMAR. AFTER THE DEPORTATION OF LEDESMA AND BLANCO, CUENTAS ALLEGEDLY TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE FRONT, FALSIFYING CREDENTIALS AND RECORDING A TV PROGRAM WITHOUT LEDESMA'S AUTHORIZATION. THE WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATES LAURA CALLER AND MANUEL SCORZA (BOTH CLOSE FRIENDS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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LEDESMA) ON THE EVE OF ELECTIONS IS REPORTEDLY RELATED TO THE CONFLICT BETWEEN LEDESMA AND CUENTAS. SCORZA HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY LEDESMA TO SPEAK IN HIS NAME IN A TV PRESENTATION, BUT CUENTAS REFUSED TO ALLOW HIM TO APPEAR. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT MAY EMERGE IS THEFRONT'S DEGREE OF COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER LEFTIST PARTIES ON SOME ISSUES, AND WITH APRA ON OTHERSM FOCEP LEADER LAURA CALLER RECOGNIZED THAT THERE ARE SOME COINCIDENCES IN FOCEP AND APRA'S POSITION, BUT IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT COOPERATION. MEANINGFUL COOPERATION WITH THE LEFT, ESPECIALLY WITH THE TRADITIONAL MOSCOW-LINE PCP AND WITH THE "FIRST PHASE" IDENTIFIED PSR, WILL BE EQUALLY DIFFICULT, IN VIEW OF THE LEFTIST PARTIES' INITIAL INABILITY TO REACH AN ACCORD. ONE AREA IN WHICH FOCEP AND THE OTHER SIGNIFICANT PARTIES DO AGREE, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY CAN AND SHOULD BE ACCELERATED IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE TIMETABLE FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS AND A RETURN TO CIVILIAN, CONSTITUTIONAL RULE. SEPTEL FOLLOW WITH ANALYSIS OF ALL PARTIES'S SHOWING IN NATIONAL VOTE. SHLAUDEMAM

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